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Dear Potential Grantee:

In 2001-2002, the Department of Justice launched an initiative known as Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) in an effort to reduce gun violence in America and its schools. This program focuses on collaborative relationships among federal and state law enforcement, community and religious leaders, educators and private sector representatives to develop strategies to prevent and prosecute gun crimes and violence. On behalf of Maine's PSN Task Force, I am writing to make you aware of funding which will be available to further this initiative. Approximately \$348,650 is available to fund programs related to the following categories of priority:

Law Enforcement
Violent Crime Prevention & Intervention
School Gun Violence Prevention & Juveniles (\$82,650 guaranteed)

On behalf of the task force, I encourage you to apply for a grant if you have a proposal that will assist in the PSN mission. We also hope you will spread the word about this funding to others in your communities, such as private citizens, civic leaders, law enforcement, prosecutors, state and local government, domestic violence advocates, organizations (both profit and non-profit), school administrators, educators, students of all ages, and members of the juvenile justice community who might wish to submit proposals.

The application process is simple. Please contact Sandra Dow at (207) 771-3221 or via email at sandra.dow@usdoj.gov to request an application packet, which will be available on January 1, 2004. All applications will be due on or before **February 13, 2004 at 5:00pm**. The PSN Task Force will review the proposals, and successful applicants will be notified on or about March 19, 2004. We welcome all relevant proposals; however, priority will be given to projects which are highly collaborative and will have state-wide impact on gun violence. Your project may not exceed one year within the PSN project period of July 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005.

Interested parties should contact Sandra Dow at the number or email address above <mailto:sdow@usdoj.gov> with questions or to request further information regarding the criteria and submission process for grant proposals. <mailto:wbrowder@usdoj.gov> <mailto:wbrowder@usdoj.gov> <mailto:darcie.mcelwee@usdoj.gov>. You may also find out more about PSN at www.psn.gov.

The Task Force looks forward to hearing your exciting and creative ideas for addressing gun violence in the State of Maine. Thank you for helping make Maine homes and communities safe.

Sincerely,

The Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force

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Helping Keep **MAINE** Communities Safer... **THE WAY LIFE SHOULD BE**
America's Network Against Gun Violence